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Dear Renata Hesse,

As a retired businessman I find this whole issue of the Microsoft Settlement very disturbing.

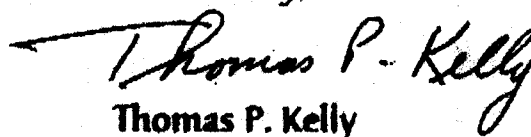
I must first say that I do not own nor have I ever owned any Microsoft Stock.

What I see here are Microsoft's rivals attempting to get our government involved in micromanaging the technology industry. I do not feel this is in the best interest of the high-tech industry, economy or us the consumers.

There has been over \$30 Million taxpayers dollars spent on this case already, don't you think that is enough?

I believe the settlement in this case is appropriate in scope because it addresses only those ~~items~~ upheld by the courts.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas P. Kelly